

## FRENCH MAKE FRESH GAINS AT THIAUMONT

### Progress Effected in Night Attacks—Tentons Are Halted at Fleury.

## BRITISH PENETRATE GERMAN TRENCHES

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

London, June 27.—Activity on the western front of the British and the German forces, continued today. No considerable infantry attacks have yet been announced by either side on this front and even the usual heavy hours of bombardment producing an attack is so far lacking. But following the announcement yesterday by the British headquarters of ten successful attacks on the German lines, the German statement today, coupled with the British announcement of continued patrol activity, is attracting the attention of military writers as possibly corroborating the prophetic of an offensive on this northern part of the western front.

On the Verdun front the French made further gains last night in the Thiaumont sector, and an attack by the Germans this afternoon on the part of Fleury, still occupied by the French was repulsed.

The German official statement issued today says that the French attacks last night in the Thiaumont-Fort Vaux region were ineffective. On the Verdun front, moderate today over most of the front, reached a greater intensity in the sector of the heights of the Meuse, near Mouilly, broke down under the French fire.

### Grenade Attack Fails.

In its afternoon communiqué the French War Office, which announces the fighting in the Thiaumont and Fleury sectors, says that a grenade attack attempted by the Germans on the heights of the Meuse, near Mouilly, broke down under the French fire.

The afternoon communiqué follows: On the left bank of the Meuse a night attack with grenades against one of the German trenches west of Hill 304 was repulsed easily.

On the right bank local operations during the night enabled us to make further progress in the region of Fleury. The fighting was rather spirited in the region of Fleury, where the situation is unchanged. On the heights of the Meuse a grenade attack against our position near Mouilly broke down under our fire.

In Belgium three of our aeroplanes which were engaged in a reconnaissance flight sixty-five miles from German ships near the Belgian coast.

The German statement, which tells of the continued activity on the British front as well as of the repulse of the French attacks in the Thiaumont and Fleury sectors, follows:

On the British front and the northern wing of the French army patrol fighting developed. Numerous gas and smoke clouds floated toward us. They caused damage to the Germans, and at some places floated back to the enemy trenches. The enemy fire was directed with special intensity against us on both sides of the Meuse. As a result of the bombardment of Neuse by the French, twenty-two of our own countrymen were either killed or wounded.

On the right bank of the Meuse, French attacks northwest and west of the armored fort of Thiaumont and southwest of Fort Vaux were ineffective. In Chapelle Wood, near the detachment of two officers and a few dozen men was surprised and its members made prisoners.

A British biplane was shot down in the Argonne, in the region of Boles. The occupants, who were wounded, were made prisoners.

The official communiqué issued by the French War Office to-night follows: In the Argonne, in the region of Boles, we occupied the southern edge of a crater caused by the explosion of a German mine.

On both banks of the Meuse there was a bombardment of moderate intensity during the day. There was a more violent bombardment in the sector of Eix (at the foot of the heights of the Meuse, south of Damouville).

On the right bank the Germans made an attack at 2 o'clock this afternoon on the part of the village of Fleury, which we are occupying. They were completely repulsed.

**British Repulse Germans.**

A German force attacked near the Tiers-Menin Canal last night and was repulsed, while British patrol activity continued on the whole British front. Two mines were exploded by the British near Loos and British aircraft brought down four German machines in the course of yesterday.

The British report follows: Last night, southeast of the Ypres front, a German attack was repulsed near the Ypres-Menin Canal.

On all the front our patrols were active, entering the enemy's trenches at numerous points, inflicting casualties and capturing a few prisoners.

In the early morning we successfully exploded two mines near Loos. In connection with the explosions the British regained possession of many batteries on the enemy during a successful raid.

Yesterday numerous hostile air craft were encountered on the enemy's side of the line. Five of our machines engaged four Fokkers, two of which were brought down and fell out of control. Two more of the enemy's machines were brought down in the course of the day. Our casualties were one machine missing.

Heavy artillery activity is reported in Belgium in the sectors of Nieuport, Dixmude and Steenstraete. The Belgian official statement issued in Havre today follows:

A somewhat intense artillery action continued in the sector southeast of Nieuport and also in the direction of Dixmude and Steenstraete. There was heavy fighting in the region of Steenstraete.

### I. T. LINCOLN IS INDICTED.

Self-styled "International Spy" Accused of Forgery.

London, June 27.—Ignatius T. Lincoln, self-styled "international spy" and former Member of Parliament, was indicted today for forgery after his preliminary hearing at Old Bailey.

Lincoln was brought back from the United States on an extradition warrant charging forgery, although he declared the British authorities wanted him on a charge of espionage.

## KIPLING TELLS TALES OF "UNKULTURED" WARFARE

### Pictures Submarines' Chase of Their Surface Prey in Sea of Marmora—Methods of Fighting Run a Multicolored Gamut.

The following is the last of a series of three articles by Rudyard Kipling on the submarine service. For the title which he has chosen for the series, "Tales of the Trade," Mr. Kipling has borrowed the name given to this branch of naval service by the men engaged in it in the British navy.

The first of these articles was printed in THE SUN on Wednesday last week and the second on Saturday.

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### RAVAGES AND REPAIRS.

By RUDYARD KIPLING.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

London, June 27.—Before we pick up further adventures of the submarine E-14 and her partner, the E-11, here is what you might call a "cutting out" affair in the Sea of Marmora, which the E-12, Lieut.-Commander Bruce, put through quite on the old lines.

Her main motors gave trouble from the first and she seems to have been a little for most of that trip. The sight of the small steamers, one towing two, the other three, sailing vessels, making seven keels in all. She stopped the first steamer and noticed that she carried a lot of stores. Moreover, the crew—she had no boats—were all on deck in lifeboats. Not seeing any gun on the E-12 ran alongside and told a First Lieutenant to board. The steamer then threw a bomb at the E-12, which struck, but luckily did not explode, and opened fire on the boarding party with rifles and a concealed 1 inch gun.

### Fighting of Many Sorts.

It was as originally mixed a fight as a man could wish—First Lieutenant and boarding party engaged on the steamer, the E-12 fought the steamer, and the sailing ships, the E-12 pounded methodically perforating the steamer from bow to stern and the steamer's 1 inch and rifles from the sailing ships ranging everything and everybody else. On the E-12 the coxswain on the conning tower was passing ammunition and the E-12's one workable motor developed slight trouble. At the moment the power to manoeuvre was vital. The account is almost as difficult to disentangle as the actual mess must have been.

At any rate the six pounder caused an explosion in the steamer's ammunition by which the steamer sank in a quarter of an hour, giving up the ghost. The E-12 got clear and to sink the second steamer, who slipped her three anchors and ran for the shore. The E-12 knocked her about a good deal with gun fire as she fled and saw her drive on the beach, well alight and then, when the beach opened fire with a gun at 1,500 yards, went away to rejoin the motors and write up the log.

She approved of the First Lieutenant's behavior under very trying circumstances. This probably refers to the explosion of ammunition by the six pounder, which doubtless jarred the boarding party—and of "cock" who acted as ammunition hoist and of the gun's crew, who all did very well under rifle and small gun fire at a range of about ten yards, but she never says what she really said about the matter.

Now we will take the E-14, on various work either alone or as the flagship of a squadron composed of herself and Lieutenant-Commander Naemien's boat, the E-11. Here was a busy midsummer and she came to be intimate with all sort of craft, such as a two funnelled gunboat off Sar Kol, who fired at her and missed as usual, hospital ships, going back and forth unimpeded to Constantinople, a gunboat, which fired at me Sunday, and other old friends afloat and ashore.

### Turkish Crew Intimidated.

When the crew of a Turkish brigantine full of stores got into the boats by request and then stood up and cursed us, the E-14 did not lose her temper. Even though it was too rough to go alongside the abandoned ship. She told acting Lieutenant R. W. Lawrence of the Royal Naval Reserve to swim off to her, which he did, and after a cursory search—who can be expected to be a Sherlock Holmes for hours with nothing on—set fire to her with the aid of her own matches and a paraffine oil.

Then the E-14 had a brawl with a steamer with a yellow funnel and a blue top and black band lying at the pier among the stores. The shore took a hand in the game with small guns and rifles, and as the E-14 manoeuvred toward the roadstead as requested, there was a sudden unaccountable explosion which strained her very badly.

"I think," she muses, "I must have caught those moorings of mine with my tail as I was turning and exploded it. It is possible it might have been a log shell bursting over us, but I think this is unlikely, as we were thirty feet down at the time."

She is always a philosophical boat, anxious to arrive at reason and facts and when the game is against her she admits it freely. There was a nondescript craft of a few hundred tons which "at a distance did not look very warlike," but when chased suddenly played a couple of six pounders and "got off two dozen rounds at us before we got under, some of them only about twenty yards off."

### Grain Boats Destroyed.

When the wily steamer, after sidling alongshore, lay up in front of the town, she became indistinguishable from the houses and so was safe. She was a "low-straete" open towns. Sailing dhows full of grain had to be destroyed at one rendezvous. While waiting for the E-11, the E-14 dealt with three of such cases and then towed the crews inshore and gave them biscuits, beef, rum and water, as they were rather wet.

Passenger steamers were allowed to proceed because they were full of people of both sexes, which is the "unkultured" way of doing business. Here is another instance of our insular type of mind.

A dhow passed which the E-14 was going to leave alone, but it occurred to her that the boat looked rather deserted. She fancied she saw two heads in the stern, so she goes back half a mile and picks up a couple of badly exhausted men, frightened out of their wits. She gives them food and water and puts them aboard her property.

Crews that jump overboard have to be picked up even if, as it happened in one case, there are twenty of them and one is a German bank manager taking a quantity of money to the Chanak Bank.

Hospital ships are carefully looked over, as they come and go and are left to their own devices, but they are rather a nuisance because they force the E-14 and the others to dive for them when engaged in striking warlike action.

There are a good many hospital ships and as far as we can make out they are paid for. The E-14 boarded one and reported everything satisfactory. The layman cannot tell from the reports which duties demand clearing out, whether it is the continuous clearing out

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by hand pumps while diving through them.

Where she did not look outside she

leaked internally, tank leaking into tank

so that the petrol got into the main fresh

water supply and the men had to be put

onto an allowance. The last pit was

served out when in the narrowest part

of the Narrows, a place where one's

mouth may well go dry of a sudden.

Here for the moment the records end

and choose among them. So far from

doctoring or heightening any incidents

I rather undertake them, but I hope

I have made it clear that U-boats are

haste and fury of multiplied actions

when life, death and destruction turned

on the twitch of a finger, not one life

of non-combatant was wittingly

taken.

They were carefully picked up or

picked out, taken below, transferred to

the intervals of business to a

safe, unexplored beach or ship. Some

times they part from their chaplains

and others they seem greatly relieved

and rather surprised at not being

knocked on the head after the custom of their

kind.

But the boats with a hundred things

on their minds no more take credit for

humanity than their commanders explain

respective decorations.

The E-14 went out with the E-12 on

this job early one morning, each boat

taking a chosen section of the landscape.

The E-11 rose to fire, thinking she

saw the dust of feet, but each time it

turned out to be bullocks. When the

shelling ended, "I think troops marching

along the road must have been delayed

and a good many killed."

### Turkish Tobacco Burned.

The Turks got up a field gun in the course of the afternoon—your true boiler never hurries—which outranged both boats. They left accordingly, but one cannot rejoice over dead Mohammedians unless they are Arabs, and I never met any one in "the Trade" who did.

Next, she changed billets with the E-11, which had the luck to pick up and put down a battleship close to Gallipoli. Meantime the E-14 was a good tonnage ship and later had to burn a sailing ship loaded with 200 bales of tea and cut tobacco—Turkish tobacco. Small boats were towed round her propeller and all her hull scraped and scored with wire marks.

But that again was only in the day's work. The point she treated upon was a hot time it must have been, and she had been for seventy days in the Sea of Marmora, with no secure base for refitting than the centre of the same, during all the while she had not had "any engine room defect" which was not put right by the engine room staff of the boat.

The commander and the third officer went ashore for a while. The first lieutenant got gastric enteritis and was in bed—if you could call that bed!—for the remainder of the stay in the Sea of Marmora, but "his boat was never out of running order." Credit is ascribed to the excellence of "my chief engine room fitter, James Hollier, Hague."

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### CRUISED SEVENTY DAYS.

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## RUSSIAN DRIVE ON KOVEL IS HALTED

Germans Gain Beyond Sokol

—Czar's Captives Now 199,354.

RIGA FRONT HOLDS FIRM

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

London, June 27.—The most important action of the eastern front took place southwest of Sokol, on the Strv, southwest of Kolk, in the sector where the Germans have concentrated the bulk of their forces to bar the door to Kovel and if possible to drive the Russians out of Volhynia. Berlin this afternoon announced officially that Russian lines in the region were stormed, the Germans taking several hundred prisoners. Russian counter attacks failed.

Between June 4 and 23 Gen. Brusiloff's army made 199,354 prisoners, according to the official report from Petrograd. Both the Austrian and Russian War Office statements to-night indicate that the battle on the Kolk-Sokol front overshadowed in violence and importance all other operations in the east at present.

Petrograd says: "On the Kolk front and on the middle Strvva the enemy has been defeated. The Russian army has captured 199,354 prisoners, according to the official report from Petrograd. Both the Austrian and Russian War Office statements to-night indicate that the battle on the Kolk-Sokol front overshadowed in violence and importance all other operations in the east at present."

Petrograd claims no further advance in the Bukovina, except the driving of the Austro-Hungarians "around Czernowitz" across the Dniester, a tributary of the Pruth. This statement reveals for the first time that there are still Austro-Hungarian forces in the heart of the Bukovina, contrary to the Russian official claim of two days ago that the whole of the crown land is now in Russian hands.

The presence of Austrian troops near the Bukovina capital, thus disclosed by Petrograd, presents a flanking menace to the southern Russian army yesterday reported approaching the Transylvanian passes. It is believed that this also explains the absence of claims of further gains in the south.

On the Galicia-Bukovina frontier, at Kuty, Russian attacks were repulsed, according to Vienna, which indicates that here too the Russian advance has been checked. Berlin, besides announcing the success southwest of Kolk, reports the penetration of Russian lines by Von Hindenburg's forces on the Dniester front. The German statement to-night says that prisoners, it is stated. These operations,

under the protection of their fortified positions, made an attack on June 26 against our forces east of Serech. The engagement lasted until evening. The Russians finally withdrew without accomplishing their purpose, having suffered considerable losses.

A Russian detachment which attempted to outflank our troops in this sector was compelled by a counter attack to return to its position.

In the north our troops advancing from Sineh met a regiment of Russian cavalry which was defeated, suffering great losses in dead or wounded. On the Carpathian front on the left wing north of the Tchoruk we are consolidating positions which we captured from the Russians. At other points our troops are pushing the enemy, who is fleeing from this front toward the coast. We captured or dispersed small detachments of the enemy among which were thirty-three men of the Nineteenth Turkestan Regiment.

### RUSSIANS GAIN, TOO.

PETROGRAD, via London, June 27.—The Russian War Office issued to-night the following statement with regard to the operations in the Caucasus:

Turkish attempts to cross the Masindag range, which we repulsed. We drove the enemy back west of Bane.

### FRANCE DRAFTS REPLY TO U. S.

Note on Censorship of Mails to Be Submitted to England.

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## ITALIANS RECAPTURE ARSIERO AND POSINA

Austrians Reported in Full Flight, Abandoning Huge Supplies.

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London, June 27.—The Rome War Office announced this afternoon the recapture by the Italians of Arsihero and Posina, in the sector between the Adige and the Sette Comuni plateau. Both places were taken by the Austrians in their recent push toward the Venetian plain, shortly before the advance was checked by the necessity to withdraw troops for the eastern front.

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triangles. The Austrian retreatment was forced by an envelopment movement in the Val Sugana. The Italian successes have provoked great enthusiasm throughout Italy.

The following official statement was issued tonight by the Italian War Office:

Between the Adige and the Brenta we continue our victorious advance, which the enemy is attempting to stem by concentrated long distance artillery fire and storm troop raid actions. The ground is difficult, favoring machine gun fire.

In Vallarsa our troops yesterday carried strong trenches at Mattassone and Nachelet, completing the occupation of Monte Lemerle. Along the Posina front, after driving off the last enemy detachments from the southern slopes of the mountain, we crossed the torrent and occupied Posina and Arsiero, advancing toward the northern slopes of the valley.

On the Sette Comuni plateau our infantry, preceded by bold cavalry

patrols, reached a line running through Punta Corbin, Frosche, Concafondi, Cosina, southwest of Asiago, and passing northeast of the Nosi Valley. We occupied Monte Lema, Monte Lavarie, Spitzkaerle and Cimane.

On the right wing our gallant Alpine troops, after a fierce combat, carried Grotta Valterra peak and Campiella peak. Along the whole front recaptured we ascertained proofs of the enemy's barbarous methods. Arsiero was destroyed by fire. Asiago and other prosperous towns were reduced to a heap of smoking ruins. Near Monte Magnabissi we found a wounded Italian soldier, whose soldiers stripped completely naked.

The following statement was issued by the Austrian War Office to-night:

We finished starting our front between the Brenta and the Adige.

All the reported Italian successes are incorrect. This morning the Italians attacked Monte Tost, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

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